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Members of the Astoria girls swim team following their league championship win.

Astoria High School

## League swimming titles for Astoria girls, Seaside boys

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The first two Cowapa League championships of the 2019-20 sports season went to the North Coast schools, in the form of first place finishes for the Astoria girls and the Seaside boys swim teams.

The league meet was held Feb. 7 at the Astoria Aquatic Center. Swimmers from Rainier and Scappoose also took part, but their points did not figure in the Cowapa League standings.

While Astoria won the girls team championship with 222 points, the Seaside boys racked up 294 — just enough to get past Astoria's 292 — to capture the first place trophy.

The boys' team title was still on the line in the very last event of the day, the 400-yard freestyle relay.

Seaside ended up disqualified from the race, along with Tillamook. So the event came down to two teams — Astoria and Valley Catholic.

Luckily for the Gulls, the Valiants finished 14 seconds ahead of the Fishermen, who picked up 26 points for second place, instead of 32 had they won the event.

That left the Fishermen two points short of the Gulls in the final team standings.

Valley Catholic was a distant third with 179, followed by Tillamook (103).

The Seaside boys won just two events, with several more top three finishes to rack up the points.

Seaside's first win came in event 16, the 200-yard freestyle relay.

The foursome of Westin Carter, Shawn Collins, Luke Verley and Henry Garvin (three juniors and a sophomore) edged Astoria at the wall, finishing in 1 minute, 44.71 seconds, to Astoria's 1:44.84.

Collins swam the very next event, winning the 100-yard backstroke in 1:08.03, just ahead of teammate Leif Rehnert, second in 1:08.92.

For more points, the Gulls had



Seaside Swimming

Seaside coach Shane Spell and the Gulls celebrate a league championship.

to rely on second place finishes for Garvin in the 50-yard freestyle; Masyn McCulloch in the 500-yard freestyle and Leif DeWinter in the 100-yard breaststroke; and third place showings from McCulloch (200 freestyle), Sean Olea (200 individual medley), Sam Heroux (100 butterfly) and Garvin (100 freestyle).

The Astoria boys won three events. Riley Cameron had the best time (1:59.84) among 11 Cowapa swimmers in the 200 freestyle, and also won the 100 freestyle in 53.44.

Fisherman junior Noah Kastengren followed with a victory in the 500 freestyle (5:58.08), with teammates Christian Womack third and Nikolai Boisvert fourth.

Astoria added several third and fourth-place finishes for more points.

On the girls' side, Astoria opened with a second place finish in the 200 medley relay, followed by a win for freshman Emelia Cameron in the 200 freestyle (2:20.04).

The Lady Fish began to rack up the team points when Grace Peeler, Con-

stance Rouda, Tori Smith and Cameron won the 200 freestyle relay (1:56.09), then a 2-3-4 finish in the backstroke (Smith, Rouda and Brooke O'Connor).

Peeler took second in the breaststroke, and Astoria had enough points for the team championship.

The Seaside girls scored 207 points for third behind Astoria and Tillamook, with one win. Senior Kaisa Liljenwall teamed with sophomore Taryn Shay and juniors Emily Philbrook and Brooke Blankenhorn to finish first in the 400 freestyle relay in 4:32.15, just ahead of Valley Catholic's 4:33.59.

Blankenhorn took second in both the 200 and 500 freestyle races, while Liljenwall, Blankenhorn, Sofia Shipley and Philbrook place second behind Astoria in the 200-yard freestyle.

Liljenwall was third in the 100 freestyle, and Shipley took third in the breaststroke.

Astoria and Seaside swimmers will compete this weekend in the district meet, Friday and Saturday at Newport. The district results will determine state qualifying.

## Warrenton's Vollner qualifies for state

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The Warrenton girls wrestling team found out how tough the big schools are in a regional tournament, last weekend at Century High School.

Centennial won the team title, and Warrenton placed 23rd (tied with Tillamook) in the North Regional, held last Friday and Saturday.

The North Regional included large 5A and 6A schools from the Portland area, and featured teams from across the state, from Warrenton to Vale and Nyssa, to

North Salem.

The top four wrestlers at each weight qualified for state, Feb. 28-29 in Portland.

Warrenton had one state qualifier, as senior Jade Vollner took fourth at 190 pounds, locking up her second trip to state. As a sophomore, she took fourth in the first ever girls state tournament in 2018.

Astoria finished 48th and Seaside tied for 55th in the team standings.

"Our team fought hard but



Jade Vollner

caught some tough matchups early on," said Warrenton coach Corey Conant. "Both the quantity and quality of girl wrestlers have increased every year."

He added, "this (Warrenton) team is the first four-year girls team that we have had. Anna Schenbeck, Isabella Carr and Jade have provided leadership to the younger wrestlers and have played a huge role in building a tradition of girls wrestling at Warrenton."

Schenbeck pinned her first two opponents at 130 pounds, before a pair of losses.

At 190, Vollner scored a pin (1:25) over Centennial's Melody Lozano, then followed with another quick fall (1:06) over Isis Phillips of Scappoose in the quarterfinals.

From there, Vollner lost in the semifinals, and went 1-1 in consolation for fourth.

"The coaching staff is incredibly proud of this group of girls and will be looking for big things from them in the future," Conant said.

## Buzzer-beater lifts Warrenton past Clatskanie

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Clatskanie hit a miracle shot to tie the game at the end of regulation, but Warrenton's Austin Little banked in a 3-pointer as time expired in overtime, giving the Warriors a 41-38 win in a Coastal Range League boys basketball game.

At 4-3 in league play, Warrenton holds a one-game lead over Willamina for second place in the league standings. The two teams meet Friday at Willamina to finish the league season, and could meet again in the league playoffs next week.

Austin Little scored 13 and Dawson Little added 11 in Tuesday's win.

Warrenton coach Nate McBride called it "about as good of a game as you could ask for. If you're a fan of basketball or high school sports, you would have had to love this game."

Which Warrenton almost lost, to the upset-minded Tigers came in with a 3-17 overall record, but sent the game to overtime.

"We led for the vast majority of the game, and were really able to control the tempo," McBride said. "We got beat up pretty good on the boards, but our kids battled."

The Warriors even led by four with 12.9 seconds left, when Clatskanie's Skylar Vocana hit a 3-pointer to bring the Tigers within one point.

Clatskanie fouled with just under four seconds left, and Warrenton's Hordie Bodden-Bodden hit both free throws for a three-point lead.

But as time expired in regulation, Vocana hit a running 3-pointer just inside half-court line to tie the game.

The teams traded baskets over the first few minutes of overtime, before Austin Little hit the off-balance 3-pointer as the overtime session ended.

## No. 1 Clatskanie tops Warrenton girls, 57-22

Two free throws by Kenzie Ramsey had Warrenton in front 11-9 late in the first quarter, but the rest of the night belonged to No. 1-ranked Clatskanie, which posted a 57-22 win on the Warriors' home floor Tuesday night.

The No. 2-ranked Tigers improved to 6-1 (17-2 overall) in the Coastal Range League girls basketball standings, tied with Willamina.

After Ramsey's free throws with 2:50 left in the first quarter, Clatskanie went on a 14-0 run to take a 23-11 lead.

A 3-pointer by Ramsey finally stopped the string, and Ramsey's layup early in the third quarter still had the Warriors within 26-16.

But too many turnovers, missed free throws and errant passes by the Warriors led to too many easy points for Clatskanie, which outscored Warrenton 45-11 after the first quarter.

The Warriors remain in a third place tie in the league standings at 2-5, and have one game remaining (Friday at Willamina) before the league playoffs begin.

## SCOREBOARD

### PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

#### THURSDAY

**Girls Basketball** — Livingstone Adventist at Jewell, 5:30 p.m.

**Boys Basketball** — Livingstone Adventist at Jewell, 7 p.m.

#### FRIDAY

**Girls Basketball** — Tillamook at Astoria, 6 p.m.; Warrenton at Willamina, 6 p.m.

**Boys Basketball** — Tillamook at Astoria, 7:45 p.m.; Warrenton at Willamina, 7:30 p.m.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

#### Astoria 50, Banks 31

**AST (50):** Brooklynn Hankwitz 14, Faustel 12, O'Brien 11, Helmersen 8, Norris 3, Long 2, Jackson, Fisher.

**BAN (31):** Nya Johnson 8, Walker 7, Shook 6, Hailey 5, Streblow 3, Saunders 2.

**Astoria 8 9 15 18-50**

**Banks 6 2 10 13-31**

#### Valley Catholic 48, Seaside 43

**SEA (43):** Lilli Taylor 16, Ruby Douglas 16, Blodgett 5, Peterson 4, McFadden 1, Doney 1.

**Seaside 11 9 11 12-43**

**Valley C 16 9 13 10-48**

### BOYS BASKETBALL

#### Banks 53, Astoria 44

**AST (44):** Xander Marinovich 11, McMaster 10, Stenblom 6, Junes 6, Williams 5, Matthews 3, Brockman 2, Moore 1, Altheide-Nielson.

**BAN (53):** Jacob Slifka 24, White 9, Buliga 7, Evans 5, Taylor 3, Buchanan 2, Exline 1.

**Seaside 60, Valley Catholic 39**

**SEA (60):** Brayden Johnson 10, Ryan Hague 14, Beau Johnson 16, Stephen Snyder 10, Sibony 7, Langmo 2, Rich 1.

**VC (39):** Daniel Pruitt 14, Eberhart 8, French 6, Cheung 3, Lo 3, Howard 2, Baglai 2, Hussein 1.

**Seaside 14 17 15 14-60**

**Valley C 10 4 18 7-39**

### WRESTLING

#### Girls North Regional at Century HS

**Team scores:** Centennial 166, Scappoose 166, Hillsboro 150, Century 140, Forest Grove 114, Ontario 101, Baker/Powder Valley 97, Nyssa 83, Glencoe 74, Estacada 70.5, Oregon City 67, David Douglas 65, Hood River Valley 62, Milwaukie 53, Vale 50, Aloha 49, Sandy 48, La Grande 46, Banks 45, Canby 45, Canby 45, Lincoln 45, Beaverton 43, Tillamook 40, Warrenton 40, Wilson 39, Liberty 36, Woodburn 36, Cleveland 35.5, Sunset 35, Franklin 34, Newberg 32, West Linn 32, Putnam 28, Willamina/Falls City 28, Jefferson 27, Dallas 26, Clatskanie 21, Echo/Stanfield 20, Silverton 20, St. Helens 20, Southridge 19.5, Molalla 19, Parkrose 19, Westview 18, Lake Oswego 16, The Dalles/Dufur 16, Wilsonville 15, Astoria 14, Benson 13, McLoughlin/Weston-McEwen 13, North Marion 13, Yamhill-Carlton 12, Roosevelt 11, Barlow 10, Corbett 9, Seaside 9, Rainier 8, Adrian 7, Heppner/Ine 6, Kennedy 6, Tigard 4, Gladstone 3, Vernonia 2, Lakeridge, Sheridan, Cove.